Government money. Taking all these inconveniences into consideration, the sub-taluk may be formed into a taluk.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 414.

Irrigation works in the Yedahalli sub-taluk.

Mr. Nadig Bhistiah, Yedahalli sub-taluk

Summary of discussion.—No irrigation works have been carried out in the Yedahalli sub-taluk for some years past. The restoration of Handur anikat which was prayed for on several previous occasions, and which will bring a large area of land under wet cultivation, may be undertaken.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under consideration of the Public Works Department.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

(*Nos. 415 to 443.*)

SUBJECT No. 415.

Improvement of agriculture and industries in the district.

Messrs. C. Vamana Rao, Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As agriculture and industries in the Shimoga District are in a very backward condition, a special officer with good training may be appointed to instruct the public as to the best methods of improvement of agriculture and industries in this district.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 416.

Roads for the malnad parts.

Messrs. C. Vamana Rao, Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Suitable roads do not exist in the malnad regions of this district for journeys from village to village and travelling becomes extremely difficult in the rainy season when cultivation is in progress. Owing to sparse population, the construction of village roads cannot be undertaken by the people themselves in this part of the country. It is therefore prayed that local officers be directed to take a personal interest in this matter and obtain sanction of Government for the expenditure necessary for the formation of good roads and have them maintained in good condition by the villagers. The Taluk Amildars should be directed to maintain a register of roads and bridges in the taluk and submit the same for the inspection of the Deputy Commissioner once every year, so that the result of the inspection may be reported to Government.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for the District Board.

SUBJECT No. 417.

Accommodation for third class passengers at Birur.

Messrs. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur taluk; Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Municipality; and K. Shankaranarain Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—Third class passengers who have to travel by the mail train from Shimoga in the direction of Dharwar, and *vice versa*, are obliged to halt for about five hours at night at the Birur Station, exposed to the tender mercies of the elements, as the present waiting room for third class passengers affords no sort of protection against the high winds prevalent in the place. It is therefore prayed that either a convenient waiting room for the use of the third class passengers may be caused to

be constructed at this station or that the timings of arrival and departure of the trains at Birur in the several directions be so adjusted as not to cause any inconvenience to the poor third class passengers; or at least the passengers be permitted to sleep in the carriages drawn upon the siding.

Reply of Government.—The Railway authorities will again be communicated with on the subject.

SUBJECT NO. 418.

An additional Munsiff's Court at Shimoga or a Munsiff's Court at Honnali.

Mr. Gurulingappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the areas comprised within the jurisdiction of the late Munsiff's Court at Honnali and Yedahalli have been now transferred to that of the Shimoga Munsiff's Court, the work in this Court has fallen into arrear, and the disposal of suits is slow. It is prayed that for the convenience of the litigant public a Munsiff's Court at Honnali or an additional Munsiff's Court at Shimoga may be established.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

SUBJECT NO. 419.

Facilities for the extension of cultivation under Sulekere.

Mr. K. Shamiengar, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—To afford facilities for the extension of cultivation under the Sulekere tank, it is necessary to grant the immemorial waste lands included in the atchkat of the tank and its channels for cultivation under *alve* tenure, as much labour and cost are required to make the lands cultivable. Applications for the grant of waste lands under this tank are not speedily disposed of and some of them are rejected on very insufficient grounds. Instead of having a large area of the atchkat unoccupied without any return, it is very desirable to afford some facilities by granting lands under *alve* tenure as suggested above and clearing the jungle growth under the tank at a cost of about three or four hundred rupees.

It was further represented by Mr. Shamiengar that the order which requires payment of kandayem in advance in the case of *eksal darkhasts*, is a hardship to ryots as they are compelled to borrow money at a high rate of interest for the purpose and that it is therefore sufficient if they are made to furnish security. People prefer dry cultivation as it is found to be very profitable. Lands containing date trees should also be given out for cultivation.

Reply of Government.—In the case of lands under the Sulekere tank, the Deputy Commissioner will be authorized to hold the order regarding prepayment of kandayem on *eksal darkhasts* in abeyance.